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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, IS

SUBJECT:ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY

REF: TEL AVIV 5570

1. BEGIN'S PRESENTATION TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT RAISES TWO  
POINTS IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF. IT IS  
NOT OUR INTENTION TO HAVE YOU TAKE THEM UP WITH THE  
ISRAELIS, BUT IF THE SUBJECT ARISES AGAIN YOU MAY FIND THE  
POINTS USEFUL.

2. WHEN BEGIN STRESSED THAT HE HAD NOT VIOLATED COMMITMENTS  
TO US WHEN HIS GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED THE THREE SETTLEMENTS  
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HIMSELF TO A POLICY OF RESTRAINT ON SETTLEMENTS. WE HAD  
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ISRAEL WOULD TAKE NO ACTIONS THAT WOULD CATCH US BY SUR-  
PRISE. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SETTLEMENTS QUESTION,  
WE FELT WE COULD ASSUME THAT HE WOULD MAKE NO SIGNIFICANT  
MOVES IN THIS FIELD WITHOUT SOME ADVANCE NOTICE. WE CAN  
SEE HOW THIS MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEMED A SIGNIFICANT MOVE FROM

ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE, AT LEAST NOT OF SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE AS ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN. FACT IS, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS PLAYED AS SIGNIFICANT BY THE PRESS

AND WE WERE IMMEDIATELY PLACED IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES.

3. FOR OUR PART, HOWEVER, WE DID CONSULT WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT BEFORE WE ISSUED OUR STATEMENT. WE GOT IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE, EARLY IN THE MORNING, AND ASKED THEM TO CHECK INTO THE FACTS BEHIND THE REUTERS REPORT THAT HAD JUST APPEARED ON THESE THREE SETTLEMENTS. DINITZ CALLED BACK SHORTLY AFTERWARDS TO SAY HE HAD CHECKED AND TO GIVE US THE FACTS ON WHICH WE THEN BASED OUR PRESS COMMENT. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE EXCHANGE WITH THE PRESS, WE THEN GOT BACK IN TOUCH WITH DINITZ AND TOLD HIM WHAT WE INTENDED TO SAY BEFORE WE SAID IT.

4. ONE FINAL POINT. WE WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED FOR THIS SUBJECT NOT TO COME UP, BUT THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING WHEN THE ISRAELIS TAKE ACTION IN THE SETTLEMENTS FIELD WHICH CHANGES STATUS QUO.

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CHEROKEE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT STATE 178861, SENT TEL AVIV 30 JULY:

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